

**South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
Minutes - July 15, 2008**

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on July 15, 2008 via DDN sites in Pierre, Sioux Falls, Elk Point, Yankton, Watertown, Spearfish, Pine Ridge and Redfield.

Members Present

Ted Williams
Arlene Poncelet
Lexi Werdal
Kathy Olson (Carol Ruen)
Rebecca Carlson
Travis Arneson
Charlotte Athey
Sara Carda
Deanne Curran
Vikki Day
Shannon Dirk
Dillon Haug
Tim Neyhart (designee for Robert Kean)
Melissa Fluckey (designee for Pat Monson)
Kathy Olson (designee for Carol Ruen)
Georgene Short Bull
Isabel Trobaugh

Members Not Present

Erik Brubakken
Dee Gustaf
Jason Harris
Grady Kickul
Ann Larsen
Cindy Roan Eagle
Judy Struck
Kayla Tinker

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Travis welcomed everyone and read the mission statement. No items were added to the agenda. Isabel motioned, seconded by Ted to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Ted motioned to approve the April 30, 2008 minutes, seconded by Sara Carda. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met on July 14, 2008 via teleconference. Arlene gave an overview of the actions taken at the meeting.

Changes to Current Grants - Mobilizing for Self-Advocacy - Arlene approved a change in budget to allow for additional travel by local groups and an additional trip by Reena Wagle to SD. Prenatal Substance Exposure Methods and Materials Course - USD decided to use a SD location for the class and requested an extension of time to use funds. Change was approved by Arlene.

Donations Less Than \$500 - Arlene approved \$500 for the 4th of July Event by the Sioux Falls Jaycees. Free Family Autism Camp received a \$250 donation approved by Arlene. A donation of \$500 was approved for the Grant-Roberts Developmental Disability Support Services to complete filing for non-profit status.

Mini-Grants - John Harris Community Playground - The Committee recommended \$2500 be awarded to the John Harris PTA.. Prevalence and Causes of Threats to Professional Counselors for \$3525 was not recommended for funding.

Center for Disabilities Autism Program asked if the Council would be interested in receiving a proposal to cover assistance to families who do not have other sources for payment for services. The Committee recommended having a presentation by the program at a future meeting.

Arlene requested that the Committee approve an agreement with the SD Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities to assist with printing more housing guides and mailing the Criminal Justice/Human Services Handbooks. Estimated costs of \$7500 were approved.

Isabel motioned to accept the executive committee report and ratify the actions taken by the Committee, seconded by Char. Motion passed.

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

Dillon went to Washington DC in June for NACDD meeting. He attended many sessions and met with Representatives and Senators from South Dakota. Dillon was elected to finish a vacant term on the NACDD Board of Directors thru September 2008 and was elected to the board starting in October and running thru 2010.

Budget Update

Current funds available for projects after consideration of the Executive Committee meeting is \$62,675. Grant award available for projects for FFY09 are \$350,000. Arlene is currently working on State FY10 budget request with the Division of Developmental Disabilities staff.

Childcare Update

Melissa presented an update on the childcare subsidy program and the 15 slots set aside for providers who are caring for children with severe needs. The Project 8 Governor's Child Seat Program is receiving many requests for special needs seats. Seats can cost up to \$1000. Cost free to the family. March of Dimes funded \$3000 for children with low birth weight. DSS has distributed almost 4000 seats this year.

Transportation Update

Bruce Lindholm from the Department of Transportation presented on public transportation. He shared how funding for transportation comes into the state and gave statistics and information on a large number of programs used throughout South Dakota. With the United We Ride activities, if a non-profit agency wants to purchase a vehicle it must be part of a coordinated transportation plan. Bruce provided a number of Transit Reports for FY07 which Arlene will distribute. Isabel asked if ALL transit drivers

must have background checks. Bruce advised that although some transit providers do background checks, it is not a federal or state requirement. Isabel felt strongly that the Council should work to make background checks mandatory for all transit drivers.

Logo

Arlene showed the group the drafts provided by Eric from the Center for Disabilities. Council members agreed that we should use a logo with the two people with arms outstretched since that was the initial design by Irene Colling that was selected. Travis asked what Council members thought the logo meant. Responses were: “the openness of possibilities” and “they are reaching out and working together”. No one was concerned that the people do not show any type of disability. It was suggested to take the swoop and the wording design from the middle logo and put it in the bottom logo. More color was suggested (maroon). Also, the coloring of the sun seems to fade and the people get lost a bit. It was recommended to have Eric do a few more drafts using the suggestions made at the meeting. The Executive Committee will review prior to the October meeting so that a decision can be made by the full Council in October.

State Plan Amendments

Arlene began by sharing some new information from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) regarding ADD’s expectations for Councils for the following two Performance Measures - “number of people trained” and “number of people active in systems advocacy”. ADD is looking for a 1 to 1 ratio between these two measures in a Council’s Annual Report. So, keep in mind that if we provide training and/or count people as being trained, are we able to follow-up and track if they have been active in systems advocacy? In addition, the Council chose to not fund the in-service training grant through the SD Assn of Community Based Services and that will also change the performance measures initially established for “number of people trained”.

The Council went through the Proposed State Plan Amendments and FFY09 Budget as presented by Arlene. Changes were made as follows.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR **EMPLOYMENT**:

Obj. 1.1 – Change to: “By the end of FFY2011, training on employment topics (such as supported and self-employment) and systems advocacy related to employment will be provided to 100 people including direct support professionals, people with DD and their families.”

Obj. 1.2 – Change to: “Training, Information and Resources for Employers - By the end of FFY2011, training, information and **resources** on employment topics (such as self-employment, incentives for hiring people with disabilities, and the replication of programs like the Business Leadership Network) will be provided to 200 potential or current employers of people with DD from 8 communities.

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
EM07	People trained in employment	140	140	30	30	30	380
EM12 NEW	Other: Number of people provided information and resources on employment topics.			100	100	100	300
EM13 NEW	Other: Number of resources disseminated			200	200	200	600

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR HOUSING:

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
HO12	Other: Number of people reached thru newsletter articles and presentations. CHANGE TO: Number of people provided info and resources on community living.	400	400	400	400	400	2000

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR HEALTH:

Obj. 3.2 – Change to: “Information and Resources on Health Care Topics - By the end of FFY2011, information and resources will be provided to 1,000 people (direct service workers, people with DD, family members and guardians, medical professionals, etc.) on topics related to specific disabilities or issues (example: co-occurring disorders, obesity, prescription drug plans, caregiver issues, etc.)”.

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
HE05	People trained in health care services	250	200	0	0	0	450
HE09	Other – # of people reached thru information dissemination CHANGE TO: Number of people provided information and resources on health topics.	200	200	200	200	200	1000

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR EDUCATION:

Obj. 4.1 – Change to: “Training, Information and Resources on Inclusive Education – By the end of FFY2011, training, information and resources will be provided to 1,000 people (people with DD, family members and guardians, education professionals, etc.) on education topics such as early intervention, inclusion, transition, person-centered planning, co-occurring disorders, etc.”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
ED10	People trained in inclusive education	150	150	0	0	0	300
ED13 NEW	Other – People provided information and resources related to education and early intervention			300	200	200	700

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR CHILDCARE:

ADD - Objective 5.2 – “By the end of FFY2011, information and resources will be provided to 150 people on topics related to childcare for children with developmental disabilities.”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
CH09 NEW	Other – People provided information and resources related to childcare.			50	50	50	150

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR RECREATION:

ADD - Objective 6.2 – “By the end of FFY2011, information and resources will be provided to 150 people on topics related to inclusive recreation and leisure activities.”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
RE08 NEW	Other – People provided information and resources on recreation.			50	50	50	150

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR TRANSPORTATION:

Change Obj. 7.2 to read: “Through the end of FFY2011, the Council will **support** activities to enhance community transportation in a minimum of two communities or areas of the state.”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
TR09 NEW	Other – People provided information and resources on transportation.			100	100	100	300

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE:

Change Obj. 8.2 to read: “By the end of FFY2011, 200 people with developmental disabilities will receive training, **information and resources to build advocacy skills** and **be involved** in the development of a statewide self-advocacy organization.”

Change Obj 8.4 to read: “Through the end of FFY2011, 12 community based DD service providers will work on quality assurance/improvement issues and 400 people will receive information, training and **resources** on topics such as abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with DD, rights of people with DD, self-determination, person-directed budgets, etc.).”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
QA07	People trained in systems advocacy about quality assurance in community placements	305	305	100	100	100	910
QA12 NEW	Other – People provided information and resources on quality assurance.			300	300	300	900

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Change Obj. 9.4 to read: “By the end of FFY2011, the Criminal Justice/Human Services Handbook **will be disseminated to 2000 professionals** from both the human service and criminal justice fields and others.”

Change Performance Targets as follows:

		State Plan Targets by FFY					
	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
CS10 NEW	Other - People provided information and resources on community supports.		150	1,500	300	300	2,250

Budget for State Plan

Employment - \$15,000; Education & Early Intervention - \$5,000; Housing - \$5000; Health - \$15,000; Child Care - \$0; Recreation - \$10,000; Transportation - \$5000; Quality

Assurance - \$275,000; Formal & Informal Community Supports - \$83,315; General Management - \$50,000; Functions of the DSA - \$0; Total = \$462,315.00.

Vicki Day motioned to approve state plan amendments and FFY09 budget as proposed with recommended changes. Motion seconded by Isabel. Motion passed.

Requests for Funding (RFF)

Partners in Policymaking, Year 17

The draft RFF contains a maximum funding level of \$100,000 of federal funds. There was discussion regarding the increased costs for gas and speaker fees. As well as a concern that national speakers be utilized because they add a great deal to the experience. Deanne motioned to approve the RFF with a federal funding level of \$105,000. Motion was seconded by Char. Motion passed. Tim abstained. Travis requested Arlene share the Council's comments with SD Advocacy Services.

Next Steps: Advanced Training for Emerging Leaders, Year 2

This project provided young adults with disabilities an opportunity to learn about employment topics. Betsy Valnes, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative developed this project but since she is leaving the state, Arlene was not sure of the project's continuation. Arlene was requested to draft an RFF for a similar type of program for the fall meeting.

Education & Training Mini-Grants

It was recommended to include specific topics that are of special interest to the Council. Those areas included: dental, individual justice planning, and accessible recreation. Char motioned to issue this request for funding with the topics included. Motion was seconded by Isabel. Motion passed.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting will be in Chamberlain on October 9-10. The first day will be Person-Centered Thinking Skills Training by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Ted motioned to adjourn; Shannon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.